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February 16, 2010

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman
New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee
c/o New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
29 Hazen Drive
P.O. Box 95
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Re:

Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC

Docket No. 2009-02

Dear Chairman Burack:

In accordance with the Order and Notice of Prehearing Conference, Site Visit and Public Informational Hearing dated February 9, 2010, enclosed for filing with the Committee, please find our Notice of Appearance and the City of Berlin's Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced proceeding.

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

N. Jonathan Peress

Enclosures

cc:

Patrick MacQueen, Berlin City Manager

Service List

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# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

#### Docket No. 2009-02

Application of Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC, for a Certificate of Site and Facility for a 70 MW Biomass Fueled Energy Facility in Berlin, Coos County, New Hampshire

### **Notice of Appearance**

Pursuant to N.H. Admin.R. Site 202.04, please enter the appearance of Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, by N. Jonathan Peress and Merritt Schnipper, attorneys licensed to practice in New Hampshire, on behalf of the City of Berlin.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **Certificate of Service**

A copy of this Notice has been served by e-mail this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010 upon each of the parties on the attached service list and by first class mail to the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office.

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### **CITY OF BERLIN'S PETITION TO INTERVENE**

NOW COMES the City of Berlin (the "City") New Hampshire, by and through its attorneys, Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC, and hereby petitions for intervention in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to RSA 541-A:32 and N.H. Admin. R. Site 202.11. In support of its Petition, the City states the following:

- 1. The City is a steward of the economic, environmental, public health and welfare interests of the City and its residents. Without limitation, such interests include the appropriate uses of land within the City and the orderly development of the region.
- 2. Laidlaw Berlin BioPower, LLC ("Laidlaw") is proposing to build a biomass fueled electric generating facility on a 62-acre parcel at the former Fraser Pulp Mill located in the City. The construction and operation of the proposed facility will directly impact the City and substantially implicates one or more of the foregoing interests of the City and its residents.
- 3. In reviewing Laidlaw's application, the Site Evaluation Committee must evaluate and make findings relative to a number of factors, including the effect of the proposed facility on the "orderly development of the region with due consideration [] to the views of municipal and regional planning commissions and municipal governing bodies." See RSA 163-H:16.
- 4. As the host municipality for the proposed facility, the City's rights and interests are directly and substantially affected by the application filed by Laidlaw and the decision of the Committee to either grant or deny the application. Because the proposed facility would be

located in close proximity to the downtown area of the City, the City has a substantial interest in the outcome of this matter and a unique interest that will not be protected by other parties to the proceeding. The City submits, pursuant to N.H. Admin R. 202.11(b)(3), that the interests of justice and orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings in this case will not be impaired by allowing its intervention.

WHEREFORE, the City respectfully requests that the Site Evaluation Committee grant the City full intervenor status, without limitation, in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

THE CITY OF BERLIN

By its Attorneys,

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### SERVICE LIST Docket No. 2009-02

### Application of Laidlaw Berlin Biopower, LLC

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